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1. It is still not possible to ascertain the exact work envisaged for this workshop and it will not be possible to do so until all the machinery is set up and full production is possible; this may take up to 8-10 weeks. At present, 60% of the machinery installed is in use, 5% is engaged on making tank sleeves (Panzerbuechsen) and 55% in the complete overhauling of all tank parts. Many of the German workmen are engaged on research experiments on the metals used in the workshops. In particular the parts used for tank overhauls are subjected to severe tests.
2. Two 10-ton travelling cranes have been installed in one of the workshops. This workshop is now fed direct by the railway line from Wuensdorf railroad station, as the railway has now been extended into this building.
3. Privates are not allowed to enter into conversation with the German workers without first obtaining permission from an officer or NCO. In all the shops, large posters warn the troops that conversation with Germans is forbidden, and officers and NCOs are asked to co-operate in preventing this and thus avoid any security leakage in the armored vehicle workshops. At a recent works council meeting, the German workers were warned of immediate dismissal if they were seen trying to befriend, or in unnecessary conversation with a member of the Soviet forces.
4. The workshops are occupied by approximately 370 military personnel: of these
Approximately 30 were officers
Approximately 40 were NCOs
Approximately 300 were privates.

Officers observed were wearing black collar tabs with red piping and bore tank insignia. Fifty percent of the NCOs observed wore black

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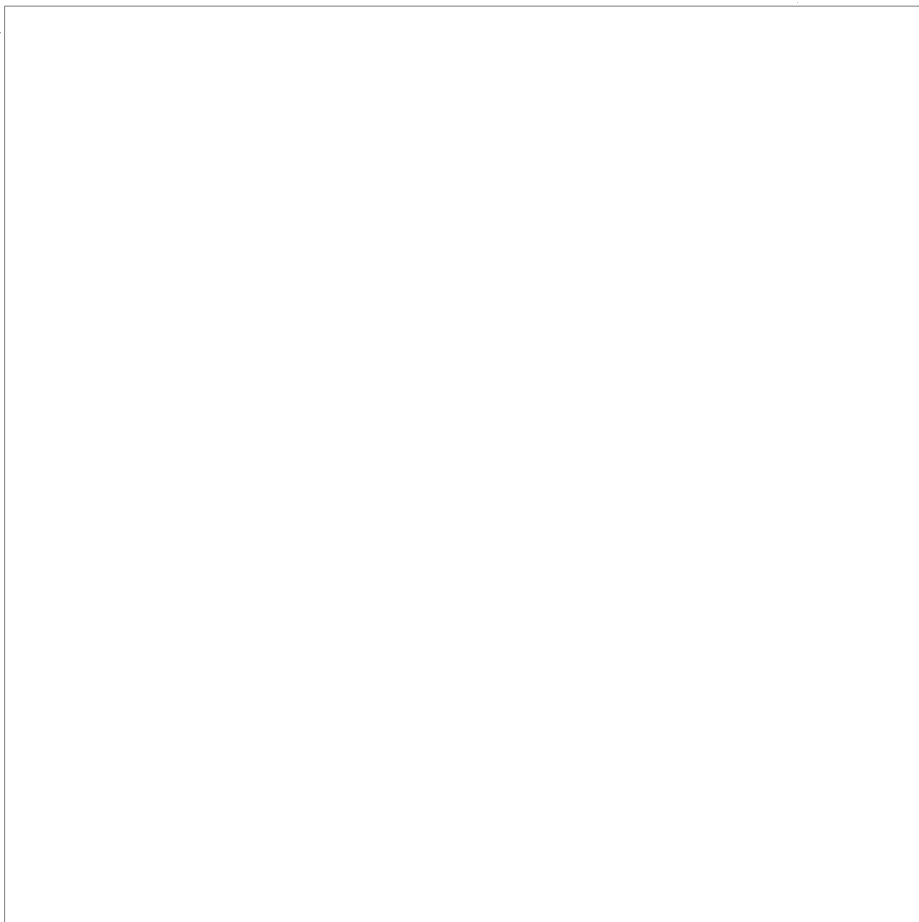
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shoulderboards with red piping and tank insignia; the remainder wore black shoulderboards with red piping and no insignia. Similarly, 50% of the privates observed wore black shoulderboards with red piping and tank insignia; the remainder wore black shoulderboards with red piping and no insignia.

5. There are approximately 20-25 T34 or T34/85 tanks in the workshops. These tanks will be completely overhauled, but so far no repaired tanks have left the shops.

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7. NCOs' duties comprise supervising in the workshops, store-keeping, issuing of stores, dismantling of tanks and guard duties. Privates are engaged in tank dismantling and guard duties.
8. A Russian Major, name unknown, is responsible for seeing that the making of new tank parts or tools is carried out in accordance with blue prints issued to the workmen. There are also two Russian civilians who have general control of the workshops and supervise the installation of machinery. Six to eight Russian women are employed in an administrative capacity. Any officer or EM at present employed in the workshop who is

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not a technical man, will be replaced by a specialist.

9. The German workmen number about 250, and they are engaged in fitting, turning, welding etc. In addition, 10 German women are employed on electric welding.
10. The following new machinery has been installed in the period under review:
 - 2 Furnaces (Gluehofen)
 - 3 Steam hammers

Further arrivals of machinery are expected and factory space has already been allocated for these.

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